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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT: Photo Reconnaissance Activities - Far East Area

1. Following is submitted in response to DIA letter dated 26 March 1964, subject: Difficulties in Satisfying Overhead Photo Reconnaissance Requirements in China:

a. [REDACTED] Border missions were not scheduled prior to 29 March 1964 for following reasons:

(1) Approval for three [REDACTED] missions [REDACTED] received 16 March 1964.

(2) Coordination with [REDACTED] for use of emergency airfields and suppression of radar completed 25 March 1964 with [REDACTED] no missions be scheduled in this area prior to 29 March 1964.

b. Problems with fuel controls and lack of suitable weather for test flights [REDACTED] prevented Detachment H from attaining full operational ready status until 14 March 1964.

c. Reasons for non-coverage of areas on dates specified in referenced letter are listed below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>REASON FOR NON-COVERAGE</u>
11 March	North Korea, Manchuria	Aircraft not operationally ready

14 March	North Korea, Manchuria	Aircraft not operationally ready
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14 March	Central China	Aircraft not operationally ready
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>REASON FOR NON-COVERAGE</u>
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15 March	Central/South China	Aircraft not Operationally ready at time of alert weather briefing
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16 March	Central/South China	C024C flown
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17 March	North Korea, Manchuria	Alert weather forecast - 5/8 to 7/8 cloud cover
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18 March	North Korea, Manchuria	Alert weather forecast - 5/8 to 7/8 cloud cover over eastern portions of North Korea
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20 March	North Korea, Manchuria	Alert weather forecast - 5/8 to 7/8 cloud cover
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21 March	North Korea, Manchuria	C034C cancelled twelve hours prior to takeoff - Weather forecast - 5/8 to 7/8 cloud cover
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22 March	North Korea, Manchuria	C044C cancelled twelve hours prior to takeoff - Weather forecast - 5/8 to 7/8 cloud cover
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23 March	North Korea, Manchuria	C054C cancelled twelve hours prior to takeoff - Weather forecast - 5/8 to 7/8 cloud cover
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2. The attached paper, subject: CIA U-2 Reconnaissance Activities (██████████ 64), dated 23 February 1964, accounts for our reconnaissance activities during the period 1 September 1963 through 22 February 1964.

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3. A parochial view of the COMOR Long Range Requirement for the ██████████ Border coverage would require a mission not later than 10 February 1964. In fact, a resumption of those missions ██████████ could have delayed even longer the completion of facilities ██████████ The COMOR

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requirement also states missions should be "...flown to coincide with the most favorable periods for launch of offensive operations," which hardly includes the winter months in the Himalayas.

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(Signed)

Acting Assistant Director  
(Special Activities)

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IDEA/OSA/ [REDACTED] (31 Mar 64)

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